

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 99-170

August 2, 1999

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Inquiry Into Standard Form Contracts
And Terms, Conditions and Charges
Applicable to Standard Offer and
Competitive Electricity Providers

ORDER ADOPTING
AMENDMENT TO
STANDARD OFFER
STANDARD FORM
CONTRACT

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On July 19, 1999, the Commission issued an Order Adopting Standard Form Contracts. The standard contracts govern the relationship between T&D utilities and competitive electricity providers. The Commission adopted a separate contract for competitive providers and standard offer providers. On July 29, 1999, the Commission issued an Order Adopting Request For Bids To Provide Standard Offer Service in Docket No. 99-111. In that Order, the Commission delegated to the Director of Technical Analysis the authority to modify the standard form contract so that it conforms with the Request for Bids (RFBs) and to make other ministerial changes.

Section 3.2 of the RFBs specifies that standard offer providers will not be responsible transmission charges of the T&D utility in whose service territory they are providing standard offer service. This term is consistent with the intent of the delivery point provision of the standard contract (section 6.7). However, section 6.7 specifies the delivery point as NEPOOL's Pool Transmission Facilities (PTF); by doing so, FERC policy may require a provider serving standard offer customers from generation facilities connected to the utility's local transmission network to pay transmission charges. To avoid this problem, unintended outcome, the language in section 6.7 needs to be modified. Accordingly, the language in section 6.7 is deleted and replaced with the following provision:

A provider serving customers in an investor-owned T&D utility territory within the ISO-NE control area shall deliver to that investor-owned utility's local transmission network. A provider serving customers in a consumer-owned T&D utility's within the ISO-NE control area shall deliver to the local transmission network of the investor-owned T&D utility that is contiguous to that consumer-owned utility's service territory. A provider serving customers in the Maritimes control area shall deliver to the Northern Maine Transmission System administered by the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator (NMISA).

The following language from the first sentence in section 6.8 is also deleted as inapplicable to standard offer service:

...unless the Provider agrees with the customer to be responsible for transmission costs in accordance with the relevant tariffs.

No member the standard contract working group has objected to the changes described above. These changes are hereby adopted. A copy of the amended standard contract is attached to this Order.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 2nd day of August, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Faith Huntington